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 Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

Dear [redacted]

[redacted] passed along several questions you posed. The answers are as follows:

(1) Can a naturalized citizen of the United States work for FBIS either in the United States or abroad? Answer: Citizens of the United States must be hired as "Staff" employees. Laws governing our organization would prevent hiring a naturalized American citizen until he has been a citizen at least five years. This relates to security requirements.

(2) Would FBIS recruit U.S. citizens to fill monitoring positions if no TCN Vietnamese monitors were available? No. We cannot, because of laws governing our organization, hire U.S. citizens for these positions.

(3) How can FBIS TCN's avoid the dilemma posed by other countries refusing to recognize travel documents? We have no control over the requirements of other countries who determine what persons they will let in. The bureau chief may be able to supply a letter which will help the employee obtain a visa, but it is up to the country being visited.

(4) Is it possible to get an exemption from the U.S. Government's requirement to travel on a U.S. carrier? In some very few cases, under specific conditions, it is possible to do so. The Bureau Chief knows the answer. The U.S. Government wants the ticket money to go to U.S. air carriers. It's a matter of U.S. law.

(5) If the Thai Baht is devalued, would pay and pensions be adjusted? Answer: No. We are required to base our foreign pay scales on the local currency, except when FBIS employees live [redacted]. International currencies are constantly fluctuating in value, so wage scales are not adjusted for that reason alone, but are pegged to the wages paid in private industry in the country where the bureau is located.

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Best regards to [redacted] and your family.

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